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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1623 :
In re application of : METHOD FOR PREPARING CELL
Paul L. Kornblith : CULTURES FROM BIOLOGICAL
Serial No. 09/040,161 : SPECIMENS FOR
Filed March 17, 1998 : CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC AND
Examiner - R. Gitomer : OTHER ASSAYS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 13, 1998. Clarifying amendments are being submitted in order to clarify the claims' ability to define an enabled invention, in view of an in response to the Examiner's assertions in rejecting claims 13-20. Entry and allowance of amended and pending claims 13-20 are respectfully requested.

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